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TAGS: TGEN, GW

SUBJECT: OFFSET

REFERENCE: A) CASEY/HERMES LETTER DATED MAY, 73

B) BONN 9687

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING TO DEVELOP TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE MORE DETAIL ON THE CIVILIAN S&T PROJECTS AS SUBMITTED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE PENDING OFFSET AGREEMENT. AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY NOTED THE LIST SUBMITTED AS AN ATTACHMENT TO REFERENCE (A) WAS ILLUSTRATIVE OF 125-150 TOTAL PROJECTS. YET IT IS DIFFICULT AND MAY BE UNREASONABLE TO REQUIRE THE US AGENCIES TO DEVOTE THE RESOURCES TO PREPARING VERY MUCH DETAIL WITHOUT SOME POSITIVE INDICATION OF FRG INTEREST. CONSEQUENTLY, REFERENCE (B PARA 3) IS OF GREAT INTEREST AND DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ELABORATION OF THIS PARA AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION EMBASSY PRESENTLY HAS AVAILABLE ON FRG ATTITUDE REGARDING THIS PROPOSED USE OF OFFSET FUNDS.

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2. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION, REPRESENTATIVE OF NORTH RHINE WESTPHALIA, MANFRED NEMITZ, WHO WAS VISITING THE US ON AN ENERGY SURVEY, STATED THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY WILL BE SPENDING 140 MILLION DM THIS YEAR IN THE VICINITY OF LUDENSCHIED (BELIEVE THIS TO BE THE LOCATION) ON AN ADVANCED PROTOTYPE COAL GASIFICATION FACILITY, A PRIORITY AREA IN OUR CIVILIAN R&D PACKAGE POSSESSING ALL OF THE DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS PARA 4 REF A. POST MAY, WITHOUT RELATING IT TO "OFFSET" WISH TO CONFIRM.

3. THERE ARE MOST LIKELY OTHER TECHNICAL PROJECTS FUNDED IN DIFFERENT MINISTRIES WHICH THE EMBASSY CAN IDENTIFY THAT THE FRG COULD, IF ACCEPTABLE TO THEM, DIVERT FUNDS TO US BASED TECHNOLOGY AND SERVE THIS CONCEPT. IDENTIFICATION OF SUCH PROJECTS COULD PROVIDE USEFUL BACKGROUND WHEN BILATERAL EXPLORATORY TALKS ON THIS CONCEPT ARE AUTHORIZED. ROGERS

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